

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1, cancel claims 23-25 and 30 and add new claims 31-35. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A rod hanger for attachment with a fastener to a substrate when the fastener is driven into the substrate and frictionally held in the substrate, the rod hanger for securing a rod to the substrate, comprising:

a mounting portion defining a perimeter edge, having generally planar top and bottom surfaces, said generally planar top surface configured for engaging the substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener and having a hole extending between said top and bottom surfaces configured for engaging the fastener;

a rod receiving portion configured for threadably receiving the rod;
a connecting element configured for vertically displacing said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion; and

at least four anti-rotation elements on said mounting portion generally planar top surface spaced apart from said hole, spaced apart from said perimeter edge and configured for penetratingly engaging the substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener in place and for counteracting a moment acting upon said rod hanger as the rod is threadably received by said rod receiving portion.

2. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod receiving portion defines a generally planar shape.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 1, further including a fastener associated with said mounting portion and dimensioned to extend through said hole in said mounting portion, said fastener including a pin end connected to a shank portion and a head.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 5, wherein said fastener further includes a fluted member and a guard member.

8. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod receiving portion includes a lip formation disposed about said hole and configured to threadably engage the rod.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said connecting element includes at least one coined impression at a juncture defined by said connecting element and said rod receiving portion and at least one coined impression at a juncture defined by said connecting element and said mounting portion.

12. (Original) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said rod hanger defines a unitary body with a generally uniform thickness.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least four anti-rotation elements have a generally hemisphered shape.

15. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1, wherein said at least four anti-rotation elements are provided in a generally truncated hollow cone shape.

16. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said at least one anti-rotation element is configured in a generally rectangular shape with a contoured surface.

17. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said at least one anti-rotation element has a generally pointed shape.

18. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said mounting portion has a plurality of corners, and wherein said at least one anti-rotation element comprises at least four anti-rotation elements each configured in a generally rectangular shape and forming a raised edge at each of said corners of the mounting portion.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 13, wherein said mounting portion has a plurality of corners and wherein said at least one anti-rotation element is configured in a generally rectangular shape and is formed from an upturned edge at each of said plurality of corners of said mounting portion.

21. (Withdrawn) The rod hanger of claim 20 wherein top surfaces of said at least one upturned edge are one of flat and pointed.

22. (Canceled)

23-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said mounting portion defines a plane, said hole defines a circumference of 360°, and wherein

said at least four anti-rotation elements are disposed along said plane uniformly from said hole and spaced from one another by about 90° along the circumference of said hole.

27-29. (Canceled)

30. (Canceled)

31. (New) The rod hanger of claim 1 and wherein said at least four anti-rotation members further include a resilient cover for enhancing the adhesion of the mounting portion with the substrate.

32. (New) The rod hanger of claim 31 and wherein said resilient cover is formed of a polymer and extends fully over said anti-rotation member, and is secured to said anti-rotation members by one of a chemical adhesive or thermoforming.

33. (New) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein said hole extending between said mounting portion top and bottom surfaces is defined by a substantially smooth sidewall.

34. (New) The rod hanger of claim 1 wherein the fastener has a shaft portion, and wherein said hole extending between said mounting portion top and bottom

surfaces has a diameter substantially larger than the shank portion and is thereby configured to allow the shank portion to pass freely therethrough.

35. (New) A rod hanger for attachment with a fastener to a substrate when the fastener is driven into the substrate and frictionally held in the substrate, the fastener including a shank portion, the rod hanger for securing a rod to the substrate, comprising:

a mounting portion defining a perimeter edge, having generally planar top and bottom surfaces, said generally planar top surface configured for engaging the substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener, having a hole extending between said top and bottom surfaces configured for engaging the fastener, said hole defined by a smooth sidewall and having a diameter substantially larger than said fastener shank portion configured to allow the shank portion to pass freely therethrough;

a rod receiving portion configured for threadably receiving the rod;

a connecting element configured for vertically displacing said mounting portion and said rod receiving portion;

at least four anti-rotation elements on said mounting portion generally planar top surface spaced apart from said hole, spaced apart from said perimeter edge and configured for engaging and penetrating the substrate that the fastener is driven into and that frictionally holds the fastener in place and for counteracting a moment acting upon said rod hanger as the rod is threadably received by said rod receiving portion; and,

a resilient cover formed of a polymer extending fully over said at least four anti-rotation members for enhancing the adhesion of the mounting portion with the substrate.